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SUBJ: POPULATION: CENSUS IN UAE

1. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT BRANCHES OF THE UAE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OF CENSUS ARE PRESENTLY CONDUCTING THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE CENSUS SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE COUNTRY. CENSUS IS INTENDED TO DETERMINE NOT ONLY THE NUMBER OF INHABITANTS IN THE UAE, BUT ALSO THEIR CAPABILITIES AND POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE SOUND BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. INFORMATION TO BE GATHERED WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) ENUMERATION OF ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THE EMIRATES, CITIZENS AND NON-CITIZENS.

(2) ENUMERATION OF UAE CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD TEMPORARILY.

(3) ENUMERATION OF CITIZENS WORKING IN UAE EMBASSIES AND CONSULTATES ABROAD AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(4) RECORDING OF AGE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, MARITAL STATUS, EDUCATION, AND PROFESSION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL.

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(5) ENUMERATION OF BUILDINGS, RECORDING SIZE AND WHETHER

OR NOT EACH HAS ELECTRICITY AND/OR RUNNING WATER.

(6) ENUMERATION OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE GATHERING OF DATA IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 10, 1976. THE CENSUS DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT ALL CENSUS INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO A FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOUBTS CENSUS WILL BE COMPLETED BY STATED DATE AND THAT CENSUS INFORMATION ONCE OBTAINED WILL BE TERRIBLY MEANINGFUL. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES APPEARING ONLY THREE WEEKS BEFORE PROJECTED CENSUS COMPLETION DATE ANNOUNCE THE BEGINNING OF CRASH-BASIS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CENSUS-TAKERS. THIS SEEMS TO ALLOW VERY LITTLE TIME FOR TRAINING NOVICE CENSUS-TAKERS. FURTHERMORE, PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN DIRECTED TOWARD PREPARING PUBLIC FOR THIS CENSUS HAS BEEN MINIMAL CONSIDERING THAT THIS IS SOCIETY WHERE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED HIGHLY PERSONAL AND PRIVATE.
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